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BIO-DIVERSITY PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the state Bio-diversity Boards have been started in every state ;

(b) if so, the details thereof, state-wise; and

(c) if not, the time by which all the stages, are expected to set up their Biodiversity Boards?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIA. RAJA)

(a)&(b) There is a provision to set up State Biodiversity Board under the Biological Diversity Act, 2002. So far, nine states have notified the formation of State Biodiversity Board. These states are: Karnataka, Goa, Madhya Pradesh, West Bengal, Punjab, Kerala, Arunachal Pradesh,Naga]and and Himachal Pradesh.

(c) No time frame can be given as the State Biodiversity Boards have to be set up by the State Governments. However, the Union Ministry of Environment and Forests and National Biodiversity Authority have requested State Governments for early action.